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METHOD FOR ISOLATING TERPENE TRILACTONES (GINKGOLIDES, BILOBADIDE) FROM LEAVES AND

PHARMACEUTICAL POWDERS OF GINKGO BILOBA

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Sir:

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please make the following amendments to the above-identified application:

In the Specification

On page 1, after the title, please delete the first paragraph and insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/194,089, filed July 11, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,590,109, issued July 8, 2003, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 09/903,049, filed July 11, 2001, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.--